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SUBJECT: LATEST VIETNAM WEEK IN SWEDEN

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SUMMARY: LATEST VIETNAM WEEK IN SWEDEN, SPARKED BY RETURN OF A DELEGATION TO VIETNAM, FAILED TO AROUSE MUCH PUBLIC INTEREST AND WAS A WEAK SHOW BY PREVIOUS STANDARDS. NOTABLE WAS SILENCE BY GOVERNMENT, WHICH WE BELIEVE TO HAVE BEEN A DELIBERATE ATTEMPT TO AVOID SCRATCHING OLD SORES WITH USG. END SUMMARY.

1. PLANNED "INTENSIVE WEEK-LONG CAMPAIGN TO COINCIDE WITH ANNIVERSARY OF PARIS AGREEMENT" (REFTEL) ENDED JANUARY 28 WITH PEACEFUL PRESENTATION OF PETITION BY 8
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PERSONS AT EMBASSY. BY PREVIOUS STANDARDS VIETNAM WEEK

WAS A WEAK SHOW. ALTHOUGH ORGANIZERS HELD USUAL RALLIES AND GOT USUAL SUPPORT FROM THE MEDIA (PARTICULARLY TV WHICH HAD HEAVILY-HANOI-SLANTED PROGRAMS EVERY NIGHT EXCEPT ONCE NO MASS INTEREST WAS GENERATED. NO OUTDOOR RALLIES OR DEMONSTRATIONS WERE ATTEMPTED AND 8-MEMBER DELEGATION DELIVERING A ROUTINE PETITION WAS ONLY ACTION AT THE EMBASSY (PETITION BEING REJECTED).

2. MAIN THRUST OF UNITED FNL GROUPS CAMPAIGN WAS TO CHARGE GVN AND USG WITH CONTINUED AND MASSIVE VIOLATIONS OF PARIS AGREEMENT. IT ACCUSED USG OF HAVING 28,000 TROOPS IN VIETNAM, OF DELIVERING MASSIVE AMOUNTS OF WEAPONS/MUNITIONS BEYOND AGREEMENT, OF CONDUCTING RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHTS OVER THE NORTH, OF FAILURE TO COMPLETE MINESWEEPING, AND HAVING SEVENTH FLEET CRUISING OFF COAST OF NORTH VIETNAM. GVN WAS ACCUSED OF CEASE-FIRE VIOLATIONS AND REFUSING TO RELEASE 200,000 "POLITICAL PRISONERS." HANOI VIOLATIONS WERE CITED AS PURE SELF-DEFENSE.

3. GOS WAS NOTABLY SILENT ON VIETNAM DURING WEEK. SWEDEN'S AMBASSADOR TO HANOI, JEAN-CHRISTOPHE OBERG, WHO WAS IN STOCKHOLM ON LEAVE, CANCELLED AT LEAST TWO SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES IN SUPPORT OF CAMPAIGN. ONLY PUBLIC STATEMENT FROM HIM WAS AFTONBLADET INTERVIEW JAN. 27, IN WHICH, ALTHOUGH ACCUSING GVN, HE HAD NOT ONE WORD TO SAY ABOUT USG.

4. IN A RARE ATTEMPT AT BALANCE SWEDISH RADIO REPORTER NORDELIUS, KNOWN FOR HIS LEFTIST VIEWS, CAME BY THE EMBASSY FOR A "BACKGROUND." HE WAS THOROUGHLY BRIEFED FROM MATERIAL PROVIDED IN SAIGON 849, STATE A-10423, AND OTHER INFO AVAILABLE AT THE EMBASSY. ALTHOUGH CERTAINLY NOT CONVINCED, HE PRODUCED A PROGRAM Aired JAN. 25 WHICH WAS COMPARATIVELY BALANCED IN TONE.

5. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH STILL ALIVE AND KICKING, UNITED FNL GROUPS HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO REVIVE PUBLIC INTEREST IN VIETNAM. REPORTS OF SWEDISH DELEGATION TO VIETNAM LED BY BIRGITTA DAHL, DESCRIBED REFTEL, DID LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NOT SEEM OF SUFFICIENT INTEREST TO AROUSE ENTHUSIASM. IT SEEMS APPARENT THAT GOVERNMENT ANXIOUS NOT TO AGGRAVATE OLD SORES, REINED IN THE USUALLY IRREPRESSIBLE OBERG AND LENT NO ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE ANNIVERSARY ORGANIZERS THIS TIME AROUND.
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